

ANNEXATION BEST PLAN

PLANTERS AND BUSINESS MEN FAVOR METHOD.

Only Way to Save the Sugar Industry—Condition of Natives Serious.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

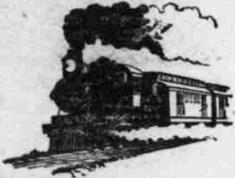
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 2.—The past two or three months have witnessed a remarkable recrudescence of the American annexation idea in at least two of the largest and most important British West India possessions, Trinidad and Jamaica. The leaders of the agitation are generally planters and business men. These point to the growing prosperity of Porto Rico and denounce the system of British colonial government. They also point to the desperate state of the sugar industry and to the deplorable condition of the people of the islands and seriously suggest annexation to the United States as the only possible chance of reviving their fallen fortunes.

Such is the view of the planters and business men and both together form a very influential class—perhaps the most influential class of the community. The natives on the other hand, resurrect stories of lynchings and the workings of the anti-negro laws in the southern states and declare them-

POSSIBILITIES OF THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

Cheap Mail Facilities One of the Chief Factors in Our Prosperity and Progress.

"Common is the commonplace." The most valuable of civil benefits is such a commonplace matter, that we scarcely give it a thought. It would take a winter on a whaler nipped in an ice floe to make us truly appreciate of the worth of the postal service. What a wonderful thing it is! Wonderful in its organization, with its vast machinery for the collection and distribution of letters, its railway mail cars, its route riders, the unflinching order and precision of its methods. Wonderful it is too in its results. It knits together families widely



separated. It carries across the sea some tender lover's message or perhaps a little flower picked from the daisied grave of an English churchyard. Every hour of every day the mail bag is packed with words which waken love and laughter, and words which deepen the furrow in the cheek and dim the falling sight with bitter tears.

But with all this there is going on through the mail service a dissemination of human knowledge, a reaching out of human help which is one of the crowning blessings of our century. The correspondence schools led by Chautauqua, are sending to every village and hamlet the broader knowledge which is so eagerly craved by many who are shut in to the homely duties of a humble life. Without the mail system this plan of education would be impracticable.

Every mail, too, carries from the great centers, the advice of great physicians, which it would be impossible for the distant public to obtain were it not for the mails. Few people realize how many thousands depend on the mail service for medical treatment. Not long ago when some postal affairs were being discussed in connection with the erection of the new postoffice building in Buffalo, N. Y., some light was thrown on this subject by the statement that the mail by Dr. R. V. Pierce amounted daily to something over 1,500 pieces. Of course this is not a common case, because Dr. Pierce's relation as chief consulting physician to Buffalo's famous institution, The Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, makes his advice and that of his staff of nearly a score of skilled and experienced specialists much sought after, especially by women, to the treatment and cure of whose special diseases Dr. Pierce has devoted over thirty years of almost constant labor. But though this example is out of the ordinary, it may serve as an evidence of the amazing benefits reaped by the public from the mail service. It puts every outlying hamlet in touch with the most advanced medical specialism of the day. It gives at a cost of a two-cent stamp, the skill and experience that it has taken years to acquire. Literally at the cost of a two-cent stamp, since Dr. Pierce invites sick women to consult him by letter without charge. And this would seem to be one of the most remarkable services rendered by the postal system, perhaps the supreme service of all. For while it is a splendid thing to be able to shop in New York while living in Kansas, and a grand thing to be able to command the learning of great professors while working in the Michigan woods, it is a still grander thing that by means of this cheaply supplied service, men like Dr. Pierce, who have the disposition to be helpful, are enabled to place their skill and knowledge at the disposal of those who are being dragged down by disease, without the possibility of help from those about them. When one contemplates the vast and far-reaching benefits of the mail service, so briefly touched upon in this article, it makes the familiar gray uniform of the postman the most glorious of all uniforms, for it is worn by the soldiers of the army of peace. It makes one feel like taking his hat off to the on-rushing mail train, and cheering the work and wisdom of Uncle Sam

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selves emphatically against annexation and strongly in favor of the British rule which gives them a freedom that has become to them ever more precious than industrial and financial prosperity. Between these two factions comes another class, influential enough though in a hopeless minority, holding that federation with Canada is the only remedy for the ills from which the islands are undoubtedly suffering. And between them all the newspapers have been kept busy publishing letters and recommendations and protests. One paper had finally to decline to publish any letters bearing on the subject.

The truth of the matter is that intelligent people here are becoming altogether sick of the British colonial policy, a policy that has resulted in the almost total destruction of the sugar industry of the islands. The fruit trade with the United States is the most profitable undertaking in Jamaica today. Its growth is continuous and phenomenal. It is said to be the mainstay of the island. Nobody attempts to deny that without the United Fruit Company (an American concern) the island must long ago have given up the struggle.

The depression over the country is as acute as it is real. The government departmental reports teem with references to it. Taxes are becoming harder to collect because people are daily getting out of work in consequence of the failure of the sugar industry. Within the past few months thousands upon thousands of persons have been prosecuted for non-payment of taxes. They are generally given a month or two in which to pay up their dues, or in default, take a term of imprisonment, which does not cancel the debt.

It is the opinion of a good many intelligent men that if the expensive system of government which obtains here were superseded by a system of the kind being introduced into Porto Rico, the island would not be long in recovering itself. The salary of \$25,000 (besides numerous exemptions and privileges) which the governor is paid, is regarded as distinctly extravagant and out of all proportion to the colony's revenue. And the revenue cannot be increased. Import duties are at the highest possible point and the government dare not raise them any higher.

It is, therefore, not at all surprising to find the whole island seething with discontent, shouting for reforms—reforms which, like the government's—never promise of "better times,"—standing come. It is realized that the colony is rapidly nearing the parting of the ways. And the future will depend almost entirely on the future policy of the imperial authorities with regard to this and other islands of the West Indies.

The following editorial comment by one of the most conservative newspapers of the city gives some further idea of the conditions at present obtaining here: "A curious phenomenon at present in Jamaica is the discrepancy between the optimistic writings and lectures of people and the actual circumstances of the country. "What is the actual situation? Depression on every side. Sugar and coffee estates going out of cultivation, the people without money and with only sufficient to eat; large numbers of persons leaving the colony for America and elsewhere, and everywhere and among all classes—the gloomiest anticipation regarding the future. It may be said that this has always been the situation but certainly the pessimistic note has never been so prominent as at present. We are not commenting on it; we are simply stating what is a fact. On one side we have the promise and the other side we have the actual circumstances and the discrepancies between the two is what we are calling attention to."

IMPORTANT PROBLEM TO SOLVE

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Discussing in the National Review, international relations on the Persian Gulf, Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, characterizes the problem there presented as second only to the Chinese question and as one certain to claim world notice. Comparing the various interests bound up in the Persian Gulf, Captain Mahan says: "While Russian and Great Britain have no nominally equal interests, Great Britain ultimate predominance is probable owing to the necessity of her safeguarding her trade routed by way of Suez to India. Germany's interests coincide so closely with Great Britain that it is reasonable to expect them to work hand in hand while Russia will hardly undertake an aggressive move on Southern Persia until she has completed the Siberian railway, which will absorb all her available money and energies for sometime to come."

MINISTERS SON CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Upon Inspector General of Police of British West Indies Arrested in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Charged with a murderous assault on Edward Fortescue Wright, Inspector General of Police at Montego Bay, Jamaica, B. W. L. Ralph Thompson has been arrested in this city, at the instance of the British government, and is now in Ludlow street jail, awaiting extradition papers.

Thompson is the son of a Presbyterian minister. Was educated in Glasgow, soon after completing his studies. Thompson's father died and the young man drifted to the West Indies. On April 5, there was an uprising in Montego Bay and during the riots which followed young Thompson is charged with having singled out Inspector General Wright for an attack. Thompson was leading a party of the rioting blacks. During the excitement following the riots Thompson escaped, arriving here on August 18. Sergeant Major Phillips, of the police force of Montego Bay, who had been sent here to assist the local detectives, identified the young man, who when taken before United States Commissioner Alexander, waived examination and was locked up to await the arrival of extradition papers. Disappointment over increased taxation was the cause of the rioting.

CONSTRUCTS AIR SHIP TO CARRY EIGHT PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Santos-Dumont, the aeronaut, will, according to a Herald despatch from Paris, attempt the construction of an aerial vessel to carry eight persons. He plans to begin experiments with the machine in two or three months.

REPRESENTATIVE DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Representative Reese C. De Graff-roid, of Texas, died in this city tonight.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. Miller is here from McMinnville. Mrs. T. Tessler is in Portland on a visit. A. Dunbar arrived on last night's train. J. N. Teal, a Portland man, is in the city. Warden Van Dusen left last evening for Alsea. Miss Amy Rannels is visiting on the John Day. Miss Alice Goddard is visiting with friends in Warrenton. N. P. Sorensen, the well known lumberman, is up the river. George Noland came up from Seaside yesterday afternoon. Mrs. R. H. Hoyt, of Portland, is registered at the Occident. Miss Amy Dean, of Flavel, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Miss Florence Goddard has returned from a visit to Eagle Cliff. H. Crohn will arrive home from Seattle the first of next week. George Warren made a business trip up from Warrenton yesterday. F. Tate, the Troy steam laundry man, has returned to Portland. Nelson Troyer returned last night from a brief visit to Portland. C. T. Rifjan, a citizen of Portland, is registered at the Parker House. Charlie Bartoldus was in from his home on Youngs River yesterday. Miss Mollie Sater will spend Sunday and Labor Day at Hammond. Mrs. Beel has moved to Seattle, where she will reside in future. Wm. C. A. Pohl returned yesterday morning from a trip up the river. Mrs. G. T. Willett and daughter are in the city. They reside in Portland. Will Tallant returned last night on the steamer Potter from Long Beach. C. M. Celler was a passenger on the 10:30 train into the city last evening.

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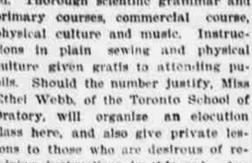
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